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Rejected ballots counted today

Minden Hills councillor has already lost his seat in wake of judge's decision

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

It's election night all over again in Highlands East after a court ordered that the rejected ballots from the November 13 election be opened.

Starting at 9 a.m. this morning (Tuesday, November 19), municipal staff will begin the recount process, which includes the electronic scanning of any ballots that were improperly submitted, so long as they are accompanied by a signed declaration form.

Originally, voters were given strict instructions to place only their ballots in the inner secrecy envelope, while the declaration form was to be included in the outer envelope, so that municipal staff could confirm the identity of a ratepayer without knowing how they had voted.

With ballot rejection rates hovering around 20 per cent, it would appear that the dual-envelope system proved confusing for a significant portion of mail-in voters, which led defeated candidates in both Highlands East and Minden Hills to use the unusually high rejection rates as fodder in a court battle challenging the legitimacy of the election.

Last Tuesday, Minden Hills candidates Lisa Schell and Ingram Wessell, as well as Highlands East candidate Basil Cox, were successful in their challenge, after Justice Alex

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CASEY LESSARD/Echo

A delicate balance

Taylor Morrison proves kids these days don't need the latest gadget to entertain them; all they need is a cork and some sticks. The Grade 3 Stuart Baker Elementary School student and her classmates dressed as pioneers and made crafts like this toy tightrope walker on Thursday.

**Because of the Christmas holiday,
next week's Echo will appear on December 27**

Rock the Wake is all set to roll

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

After weeks of uncertainty over the festival's future, Rock the Wake organizers received a preliminary green light from Dysart council last week, meaning the three-day rock and sporting event may continue to flourish in Haliburton this summer.

The municipality has approved, in principle, the use of Head Lake park for the dates of July 6, 7, and 8 of 2007. This is welcome news to the Rock the Wake crew, who were told last month by the previous council that it wanted the festival to be held in June rather than the tourist-heavy month of July.

Festival organizer and Haliburton native Chris Nimigon says the offering of the first weekend in July is a healthy compromise for both parties involved, particularly since the new date will continue to allow the festival to reach its maximum potential.

"We were definitely happy to hear the news," says Nimigon. "We wouldn't have run the festival, in Haliburton at least, if we were only given a June date. We were in June two years ago and last year we moved the festival to July. It worked out really well. Thousands of people came last year. So it was a formula that worked, and when something works you really don't like to change it."

Rock the Wake had originally requested use of the park from July 20 to 22 but during their final meeting last month, Dysart council struck down that request and opted to grant use of the park to the Dusk Dances

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A musical treat



Far left: Extendicare resident Clara Newstead and her plush dog Spike enjoy one of the many Christmas standards performed by the Highlands Concert Band during a concert at the Haliburton nursing home earlier this month.

Above: Members of the band warm up and tune their instruments.

Left: The concert left Lloyd Smith, left, and Clarence Rowbotham, right, in the Christmas spirit.

Photos by Greg Hoekstra

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JESSICA YOUNG/Echo

For a record ninth time, Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey, seated, has been chosen as warden by his peers at county council. "I always did like this robe; it fit so well," he joked at last Tuesday's inaugural. Joining him at the county council table are, from left: Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon, Highlands East Deputy-reeve Jim

Mackie, Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch, Highlands East Dave Burton, Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Bill Davis, Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison and Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Tom Gardner.

Experience puts Fearrey back as warden

'We really need leadership,' says his nominator

JESSICA YOUNG
Staff Reporter

Murray Fearrey has almost reached double digits for the number of years he's been warden of Haliburton County. Last Tuesday, the political powerhouse was sworn in as warden for the ninth time at council chambers in Minden, reclaiming his position from last year.

Being warden for so many years, the process of inauguration is almost a routine practice for the Dysart reeve.

"I always did like this robe; it fit so well," he joked.

Fearrey returned to his seat as warden

after being nominated by Dysart Deputy-reeve Bill Davis, seconded by Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison.

Davis said that it was especially important this year for the warden to provide strong leadership due to the inclusion of two new council members, Highlands East Deputy-reeve Jim Mackie and Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton. Both are newcomers to their positions as reeve and deputy reeve as well as county council members.

"Murray has been around so long that he can open doors politically. We really need leadership because we have decisions to make at council and we need to get the new members of council involved," said Davis.

Davis credits Fearrey's ease in building consensus and positive thinking when resolving touchy issues as reasons Fearrey deserves another term as warden. Harrison echoed Davis' sentiments

and emphasized the importance of having someone with experience at such a pivotal time.

"I think it's an excellent time to have a warden for two years in a row because we have some new people in the community," Harrison said.

Harrison describes Fearrey as a mentor to new council members but also to veterans like herself.

"I had no trouble seconding the nomination. He's done an excellent job for Dysart and Haliburton County. It's hard, sometimes you have to put on a different hat as warden and reeve, and he does it so easily," says Harrison.

As the longest-serving warden in Haliburton history, Fearrey knows what will make Haliburton a success or failure in the upcoming years.

"As we go forward we have one mandate, to bring people to this county," he said.

Fearrey was quick to state what needed to be done in order for Haliburton to flourish in the future.

"We have virtually no commercial and industrial enterprises. We have a double whammy at the local level and we have to keep the pressure on. We're on financial restraints and we need government assistance here."

During his address, waste management, the implementation of 911, economic development, travel and tourism, and Connect Haliburton were all mentioned as initiatives that needed to be examined. Fearrey knows this year is monumental in the growth of Haliburton, and he's well aware he carries the responsibility of making sure it happens.

"It is one thing to bring people here to Haliburton, but will they return? We're moving forward and I'm positive," he said.

Dare to be a bear

Challenge is out for two January 1 Polar Bear Swims

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Want to embrace the new year in a dramatic, splashy way?

Two local organizations are challenging you to join them in a Polar Bear Swim on January 1.

Allsaw Pentecostal Church members have been jumping into Lake Kashagawigamog for a few years and now they want other people to not just cheer them on.

"It's something fun to start the new

year with," says organizer Cathy Mitchell.

The church would like to "turn it into more of a party" by having other people join in. For every member of the community who is brave enough to take the plunge, the church will have someone follow suit.

Buttermilk Falls Resort and That Place in Carnarvon have added a little fundraising with their challenge.

Everyone is welcome to join the Polar Bear Swim at the resort on 1 p.m. to raise money for the YWCA Emergency Safeplace for Women in Minden.

Algonquin Highlands Councillor Carol Moffatt has jumped into the project with enthusiasm. She has already raised \$300 and persuaded nine Stanhope firefighters to go swimming for charity.

She's wondering if the Dysart and Minden firefighters would be willing to take this as provocation enough to join them.

If interested, please call That Place in Carnarvon at 489-4449 or drop off your donation at the restaurant.

If you want to take part in Allsaw Pentecostal Church's event, please call Mitchell at 457-1963.



Only 171 rejected ballots eligible

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Sosna signed court orders to have the rejected ballots opened and accounted for.

Late last week Highlands East clerk Irene Cook began the process of opening the 740 rejected voter kits, in hopes of retrieving valid ballots and signed declaration forms from the second secrecy envelope. Using a four-sided covered frame, Cook opened the secrecy envelopes beneath the casing and felt blindly to see if there were two sheets of paper within the envelope. If that was the case, she would then hand the first form to one municipal employee on her right, and the second to another on her left, in order to ensure that all vital components were included, while still keeping the identity of the voter separate from the ballot.

"It was a long process, but the priority was to ensure that the identity of the voter, and how they voted, remained a secret," says Cook.

Of the 740 rejected voter kits, Cook says approximately 171 ballots were saved and will be counted alongside those that were properly submitted in the first place. The remaining 569 kits were still unusable, as the majority contained only a ballot but no declaration form.

The recount, which takes place today, will see all the properly submitted ballots re-scanned first, followed by the additional 171 ballots that were originally rejected. Cook estimates that the process will take the better part of the day but expects results to be made available sometime in the late afternoon.

A similar recount was conducted by hand in Minden Hills on Friday, and in a dramatic finish, candidate Lisa Schell came from behind and overthrew Councillor Clayton Cameron by a one-vote margin.

For immediate results from today's recount, please check in with our website at www.haliburtonecho.ca. Full story will be in next week's *Echo*.

Ruling in Lake of Bays gets ballots opened in Haliburton County

DAVID NESSETH

Osprey Media Group

The election isn't over.

A landmark ruling on December 11 to open rejected ballots in Lake of Bays Township paved the way for successful negotiations for the City of Kawartha Lakes, Minden Hills and Highlands East to follow suit.

Almost all of the local negotiations on December 12 occurred from offices near Lindsay's Superior Court of Justice courtroom, where lawyers for citizens and municipalities faxed and e-mailed for hours to finalize the wording and structure of a final deal.

Justice Alex Sosna signed the court orders at approximately 4:30 p.m., reopening both the mayoral and ward councillor election races in the three locations.

When Minden Hills opened its previously rejected ballots on Friday, Dec. 15, incumbent councillor Clayton Cameron ended up losing his seat to challenger Lisa Schell in a stunning one-vote upset. (For details visit www.mindentimes.ca or see Wednesday's paper.)

Highlands East will count its rejected ballots today (December 19.)

Lawyer Leonard Siegel, of Lindsay, represented Kawartha Lakes resident and former Fleming College instructor Bob Allen. He called the court's order a "triumph of common sense" over the

complex mail-in voting process.

"That decision was fairly persuasive in assuring counsel to resolve these proceedings," Siegel said of the Lake of Bays ruling. "Without it, we were in very uncharted waters."

In the new tabulation process, any secrecy envelopes that contain signed declaration forms and a clearly marked ballot will be counted as a vote, as well as those with ballots outside the secrecy envelope. If identification markings are on the secrecy envelope, but everything else is in order, that vote will also be counted.

These new votes will then be cross-referenced with the voters' list to ensure the names have not been marked off because the voters received replacement voter kits, and completed those correctly.

"I respect the judge's decision to attempt to ensure every vote possible be counted, notwithstanding the voter's error in following the process," said Judy Currins, the election returning officer for Kawartha Lakes, in a release issued late Tuesday afternoon.

Basil Cox lost by only nine votes in Highlands East.

"I hope this makes a difference," he said. "But I'm just happy that everybody who voted has a chance to be counted."

In Kawartha Lakes, the vote total did not exceed 1,000 for the winner in the majority of the 16 wards.



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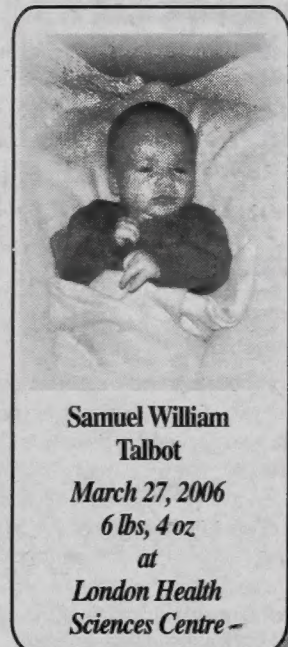
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With Reeve Dave Burton backing his bid for Highlands East deputy-reeve, newcomer Jim Mackie was voted in as the second-in-command last Tuesday. Hundreds of people attended the inaugural. For details, please see page 9.

Reeve's vote gives deputy seat to Mackie

Councillor says 'It's a man's job'

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

Ward 1 councillor Jim Mackie will be filling his predecessor's shoes in more ways than one over the next four years, having also been chosen as the new deputy-reeve for Highlands East.

In a split vote during last Tuesday's inaugural meeting of council, Mackie gained the support of Reeve Dave Burton, which gave him the edge over incumbent councillor Suzanne Partridge. Mackie had also received backing from councillor Gary Stoughton, while Partridge had support from fellow incumbent Donna Graham, leaving the decision at a standstill.

Despite casting the final, tie-breaking ballot, Burton maintains that the resolution was a "council decision," and backs his newly appointed deputy-reeve as being the right man for the job.

"Jim has a lot of qualities to bring to the table. He's been around a lot of different levels and a lot of different meetings, both provincial and federal," said Burton after the meeting.

Stoughton, who has 12 years of council experience, said he had thought about running but conceded because Burton and he both live in the same area.

"When we amalgamated we kind of had an agreement that we wouldn't have a reeve and deputy-reeve from the same township," said Stoughton.

That left Stoughton to choose between Mackie or Partridge after Ward 3 councillor Donna Graham did not express interest in holding the position.

"There's nothing wrong with Suzanne, it's just that I felt a man would probably be the best thing... It's a man's job. I'm

not knocking a woman, but I just think Jim's got more time and more smarts for it," Stoughton said.

When contacted by the *Echo*, Partridge shied away from commenting directly on the matter, saying only that she is "a part of this council" – regardless of whether she is deputy-reeve. Likewise, she stressed that she is a firm believer in the democratic process, which had run its course and led to a fair decision.

Although this is Mackie's first term as a municipal councillor, he has been active in both federal and provincial politics as an advisor and committee member. His résumé includes the Canadian Council Ministers of the Environment, Ontario's Ethanol committee, and the Liquid Fuels Handling Advisory Committee.

With all that experience under his belt, Mackie says he is confident that he will be an asset to not only his ward but also the municipality as a whole.

"I've got a fairly good technical background, and a lot of the issues we're dealing with in Highlands East are of a technical nature," he says. "There are some serious concerns with the fire department and what we're going to be doing with it but there's also buildings, environmental, and our landfills."

But at the root of it, Mackie also says that being a good and effective councillor is often a matter of using common sense and intuition, which is why he feels there is no cause for concern over his lack of previous council experience.

"I really don't see what the big deal is, and I certainly don't feel that this is rocket science. It's just a matter of doing the right thing, and showing some diligence," he says.

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An apology is in order

AFTER READING GARY Stoughton's comments about why he voted for Jim Mackie as the deputy-reeve for Highlands East, many readers will feel an apology is in order.

Stoughton said he didn't vote for fellow councillor Suzanne Partridge because she's a woman and being deputy-reeve, after all, "is a man's job." (Obviously there must be different criteria for being reeve since Partridge was reeve of Cardiff before amalgamation.)

If county council is a male domain, given the seriousness of the challenges our local governments face, then Stoughton would likely also feel that being editor of a newspaper is a man's job. And that's why an apology is in order.

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martha perkins

rette-smoking tyrant who shouts "Crap, crap, crap" at his reporters before pulling a bottle out from his bottom desk drawer. Instead, *Echo* readers have been cursed with an editor who is not only a woman but a Libra at that. Librans are in a constant quest for balance, weighing both sides of an issue in the probably naïve belief that there are two sides to every story. Fairness trumps splashy headlines in a Libran's world.

If only a male editor could have been found. Only then would readers have got the newspaper they so justly deserve. So again, our apologies for the shoddy work that's been done over the past 18 years. You certainly are a tolerant lot.

Who else should be making apologies? Not Birdie Murphy, the retiring principal of Wilberforce Elementary School. Caring for children is definitely a woman's job. She probably has one of her male teachers do all the administrative duties for her.

But over in Algonquin Highlands, Eleanor Harrison had the temerity to put her name forward as reeve again even though a man had finally stepped up to the plate to take over the job. It's awkward to ask her to apologize because the majority of ratepayers voted for her, even though there was also a man's name on the ballot. Maybe those ratepayers owe an apology to everyone else in the county for sending a woman to county council.

And let's hope that, next time, a man runs against Cheryl Murdoch who was acclaimed as Minden Hills' deputy-reeve. It's all the weak men over in that municipality who should apologize for not fulfilling their manly role, not Murdoch who now has no choice but to take a seat at the county council table.

To be fair, county council is still pretty much a male bastion so we are in safe hands. Of course, we need men at the council table since there are so many women helping to run the show behind the scenes. We have a woman treasurer no less. Putting a woman in charge of a multi-million dollar budget was such a foolhardy decision that Stoughton should be applauded for making sure there was one more man steering the good ship Haliburton County.

The problem with apologies, however, is that people might then expect the situation to be rectified. We don't know about all the other places that have let women slip into men's jobs but here at the *Echo* we're pretty well stuck with what we've got. The apology will have to suffice – and for that we humbly apologize.

The *Echo* is sorry that its editor for the past 18 years has been a woman. Anyone who has watched the Spiderman movies knows that an editor is supposed to be a tough, gruff, cigarette-smoking tyrant who shouts "Crap, crap, crap" at his reporters before pulling a bottle out from his bottom desk drawer. Instead, *Echo* readers have been cursed with an editor who is not only a woman but a Libra at that. Librans are in a constant quest for balance, weighing both sides of an issue in the probably naïve belief that there are two sides to every story. Fairness trumps splashy headlines in a Libran's world.



Candles and carols

Photo by GREG HOEKSTRA/ECHO

A hunt to remember

DADDY, THERE IT IS." My little girl's eyes lit up as we stopped and scanned our quarry from a distance.

"What do you think, son," I asked my boy.

He too nodded approval.

Minutes later, we were loading our Christmas tree onto the sled. Our hunt was over.

As the kids celebrated and talked excitedly, I took stock of all my blessings. Here I was, on a beautiful December's day, in a snow-laden valley amidst a stand of fragrant spruce, accompanied by two of my children as well as a happy springer spaniel and a lanky young lab. In many ways, we were a walking Christmas card.

The landscape, last week before the thaw, fit the season.

Deer tracks stitched across the snow like threads that connected the apple trees still holding brown, frost bitten fruit. Above us, ravens loafed in the sky, descending now and then like bobsledders on an icy track. Nearby, chickadees chirped happily and blue jays cried as they passed. And wood smoke lingered on the breeze.

Mingling with all that was the innocent laughter of my children.

"Let's get the tree home, Dad," they said. "Let's decorate it tonight."

The young spruce, now loaded on the sled, had lived in that valley for many winters. It had watched deer pass and felt ruffed grouse roost in its limbs.

In the spring, it had witnessed the antics of snipe in the wetlands below it and, no doubt, supported the nests of songbirds that lived in the fields above. It stood out, full and proud, even among the others in the stand. In many ways, it was perfect.

Even as I cut it down, I looked at it and couldn't help feel a pang of regret. To me, it was the same feeling you get in hunting season when you watch an undisturbed deer just

before you shoot it.

It's a solemn sentiment that says that the next action you take is a permanent one. It reminds you that, in a very small way, you are

about to change the landscape. And it always raises the question "Is it worth it?"

The children, of course, did not feel any of these things. They looked upon the tree as a rite of passage leading them to the happiest time of their year. They viewed it as a thing under which gifts are placed, rather than a gift in and of itself.

And when they presented it to their mother for approval, they were ecstatic when she smiled. And they spoke of it excitedly as they drank their hot chocolate.

The next day that tree stood proudly in our living room. Now, adorned with lights, candy canes, decorations, pink bows, strings of fake pearls, and a flashy star, it was once again beautiful. Not in a natural way, but in a way that brought smiles to children, and a family closer together.

I sat back and watched my loved ones decorate it. I felt it transform our moods and somehow usher in our Christmas spirit.

We took our photos by it, the kids wearing their reindeer antlers, my wife adorned with elfish headgear and me wearing a Santa hat. Silly as that seems, in the photos each of us is smiling and lost in the magic of the season.

Our living room now smells of spruce. Christmas carols play on the stereo. And my daughter and son are incapable of walking by that tree without smiling and admiring its beauty. And seeing that brings me back to when I was a kid.

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Holly Jolly Christmas

WILL SANTA EVER DIE?" came the question, posed by a small, upturned face. Hannah and her son Leo were sitting at the kitchen table, carefully lifting freshly cut cookies onto the cookie sheet for baking. Leo had paused in his work and waited for an answer, the cookies temporarily on hold. Now that he was all of five, he had questions about Christmas and Santa, questions he knew Hannah could answer. He believed there were answers to every question.

Hannah had to think before answering. Experience had taught her that a quick and automatic response usually led to another, more searching followup query and so she considered carefully. The last thing she wanted to do was tell an obvious lie, one that Leo in years to come would remember and later mark as the time when he realized grownups could not be trusted.

"Santa has been around since as long as I can remember," she began. "I don't know anyone who has ever said he might die some day. So as far as I know, there will always be a Santa." She waited.

"Can I have one after they're

cooked?" Leo asked, equally serious but now onto another subject. Hannah smiled and nodded with relief. She felt she had got off easy. Already Leo had wondered how Santa could go down a chimney with a fire burning or travel around the world in one night. He knew Santa had magic powers and was trying to figure out how magic translated to his own world. Even he was beginning to realize that magic had its limitations.

While the cookies baked, the kitchen filled with a sweet and buttery warmth. Plump sugary hearts, bells and wreaths began to turn golden around the edges, to be iced and decorated later. Leo poured over the well-worn toy catalogue in which he had circled virtually every picture. Hannah stood at the sink, her hands hidden in soapy water, her eyes far away. The radio had started playing the old Burl Ives song, 'Have a Holly Jolly Christmas', transporting her back to her own childhood.

Although the details were sketchy, Hannah remembered the song from her youth in the cold, dark north. Burl's voice had joined a collection of others on a Christmas record her father had put on the stereo. As soon as Hannah heard it, she knew it was her favourite and her parents played it over and over again to her delight. Sometimes her mother would sing along with Burl, stumbling over some of the words. Now hearing the familiar tune, impressions passed through her mind like clouds across a high and distant winter moon.

A thin evergreen heavy with ornaments. Blasts of frigid air when the door opened. Big people swaddled in thick clothes and carrying bags into her house. The smell of oranges. Sticky candy canes that left her fingers sweetly stuck to each other. Her parents smelling different and dancing around the living room. The scratchy red dress. The paper decorations she made and coloured red and green, for the tree. In those days Hannah thought anything could be made of paper. She had even made paper clothes for the new baby her mother was going to have and then one day, no longer was. Much later she learned her mother had held onto those childish creations for years.

Now Leo was the one who believed in the power of paper. And rocks. Hannah had a bowl of special rocks that Leo added to during the warmer seasons. With paper he made the usual cards and pictures but also puppets and fruit bowls, home décor and slippers. If only the world could be accommodated in such a friendly and creative manner, she sighed, swirling the suds around her wrists.

Although not yet able to write, Leo made his best attempt at listing what Hannah wanted for Christmas. His curling, swirling lines and dashes filled line upon line, trailing to the bottom of his page. "How about a new car, Mama? A green one?" he asked, his eyes and hands never straying from the list.

Hannah told him what she really wanted was something he made for her. "Maybe you could use one of those rocks you gave me and make a craft - or a special card," she suggested. He raised his head, contemplating possibilities. "Do you know what holly is Leo?" Hannah continued, trying to get him off the topic of gifts. Hannah hated the consumerism of the season, the more-is-better thinking.

Building memories and being with people she cared about was what she valued during the holidays and she hoped to instil this in Leo as well. He didn't know it but there would be a pair of skates under the tree for him from Santa. Hannah hoped conditions would be right to try them out on a cleared spot on the lake but if not, there was always the arena. Followed by hot chocolate in front of the fire and maybe a game of 'Go Fish'.

Her planning was interrupted by a musical musing. "I wish the radio would play that holly jolly song again," he stated. "It sounds like Santa singing." And he tried humming the melody. She joined in and together they managed to make their way through the chorus, beaming at each other all the way. Then they did it again.



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pic of the past

When Joe Iles was 13, his father broke his leg and was unable to drive his logging truck. It was 1937 and Jim Iles was working at W.R. Curry's lumber camp at Portage Lake. To help his family out, Joe quit school and took over his father's driving responsibilities. "There were no cops around back then," Joe says with one of his huge grins. Our thanks to him for sharing his memory with us this week.

letters to the editor

What overtime?

To the Editor:

I'm quite sure that the December 5 article, "Retired IBM executive wins bid for Frost Centre", was not meant as a comic piece, and yet I found myself laughing out loud at one point. My levity surrounded the phrase, "The FCI will pay for all costs except busing and teacher over-time."

One could forgive this assumption of someone coming from the private sector; obviously Mr. Aubry assumes that when someone in a position of authority undertakes the responsibility of many students, for an extended period of time, outside of their regular work period, that they would be remunerated for such. Hmm, not so in Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

I give you this as an example: I am currently teaching Grade 6 for the second year in a row. In Grade 6 students have the opportunity to attend a two-day (including an overnight) session at the Yearley Outdoor Education Centre. It is a fabulous learning opportunity, the staff there are terrific, and our students learn so much and generally have a fantastic time. As a Grade 6 teacher, however, it is expected of me that I will organize and supervise this trip. Even though I rely heavily on parent volunteers to help out in many facets (and truly, it couldn't be done without them,) the responsibility of it all rests on my shoulders.

Besides the work front, I need to provide care

See **Teachers** page 8

Customer disservice

To the Editor:

This letter is to address an ongoing problem in Haliburton village: the lack of courtesy and assistance in some local businesses. This is a complaint I've heard many times.

Shop locally - I don't think so! One afternoon this week we attempted to do some Christmas shopping in the village. I particularly wanted one item for our Christmas table so I visited several stores. In one store two clerks were visiting and eating lunch behind the counter - no interest in potential customers. We looked around briefly and then left. In the next store the clerk was leaning on the counter (reading?) never once raising her head, while we walked up and down aisles and then left.

Whatever happened to a smile and "May I help you?" Shop locally but don't expect service of any kind. Tuesday we will go out of town to Christmas shop.

I often wonder what visitors and tourists feel when they encounter indifferent and surly clerks in our stores. Remember business owners, that happy, satisfied customers reflect on your bottom line, so set an example and expectation of courtesy in your clerks.

To end on a positive note, a big "thank you" and congratulations to the organizers and participants of this year's Santa Claus Parade. It was fantastic!

Season's greetings. God bless you, everyone!

M. Joan Irish
Haliburton

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



Teachers make class trips a reality

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for my two young sons at home while I am away overnight, I am constantly "on" for approximately 34 hours, get precious little sleep while away, and when, upon return, all I want is a bath and my bed, I am unequivocally "on" at home with my sons. As well, the Yearley staff vacate the premises after program ends in the evening so I am truly responsible for these 28 students. You would think that perhaps even an honorarium might be in order, or a lieu day (to recuperate!) to recognize the effort that I (and other Grade 6 teachers) go to to make this trip a reality for our students. Like so many other trips that teachers make happen, in all grades, for most of our students, this is the highlight of their year, and we bend over backwards to make it happen for them, and that is, to some extent I believe, what the board counts on.

So, back to Al Aubry's comment. My motivation for writing is not to complain but to dispel a misconception that may be fostered by that innocent little statement. I've never experienced "over-time", nor do I know of any of my colleagues who have either. I'd fain know if there are school boards out there who pay "over-time" to the teachers who make these things happen for their students. Bravo to them if there are!

Lastly, I would like to congratulate Mr. Aubry and FCI on winning the bid for the Frost Centre. So many people in different groups worked so hard to get this centre of excellence back on its feet! Indeed, it is a win for the Frost Centre, and all who will get to enjoy it (over-time or no!) in the near future.

Linda Shantz
Haliburton

Honking not always a sign of aggression

To the woman I honked at on Main Street:

Two Fridays ago, at about 10:10 in the morning, I was driving north past IGA. I noticed you jay-walking across the snow-covered street towards the Tracey's Bistro-Varty's Jewellers section. I hit the brakes to slow and began to skid. So I honked. You gave me a quick glance and chose to carry on. Fortunately you were quicker than my skidding car, but not by much.

The car horn is not intended to express anger or to

threaten — it's there to be used to warn. That's what I was doing. My car was skidding and I wanted to warn you that you were in some danger. You were alert enough to hear the warning but chose to ignore it. That means that you are unwise. And that means you need to be extra careful at all times.

Jack Bush
Haliburton

Cemetery deserves sign

To the Editor:

My father passed away recently and was interred at Evergreen Cemetery. My mother and I initially had difficulty locating the cemetery because it lacks a sign. This was most frustrating for us at a difficult time. I also feel that not clearly displaying the cemetery's name denotes disrespect to those who are buried here.

My father served his country for four years in World War II and deserves better than an unmarked final resting place. I would be deeply grateful if citizens of Haliburton would come together to rectify this situation. My family would certainly support this effort.

Heather Young
Peterborough

The new doc in town

To the Editor:

I was very excited to see the article about Dr. Laurel Shugarman working in the emergency room at Haliburton Hospital and I wanted to welcome her to the area.

Dr. Shugarman delivered both of our daughters (1985 and 1993) at North York General Hospital and was my family doctor until we moved out of the GTA.

She's a wonderful doctor and person and Haliburton is lucky to have her. Welcome!

Norm and Chris Lyons
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Montreal will also host wakeboard event

Organizer says Haliburton experience was essential learning opportunity

from page 1

series, which is organized and hosted by the non-profit group, Haliburton Sculpture Forest et al. At that time Reeve Murray Fearrey had suggested that the date for Rock the Wake be relegated to June but with a new set of councillors has come a newborn interest in the festival and its merits.

Nimigon says there are a number of reasons the three-day festival would not be as financially viable in June. For one, he notes that it's a harder time of the year for both parents and students to book time away from work and their studies – particularly with high school examinations. Likewise, the weather is also not as co-operative, meaning the festival-goers, and not just the wakeboarders participating in events, could end up awash and leaving the county with a bad taste in their mouths.

Perhaps most important, however, is the fact that Rock the Wake currently plays host to the Ontario Provincial Wakeboard Championships. If the festival were to be held in June, it would be too early in the year for the high-stakes competition and, as a result, organizers would be forced to forfeit the right to host the cham-

pionships.

Of course, getting the go-ahead from Dysart council isn't all that Rock the Wake organizers have to celebrate these days. In fact, after several years of hard work here in Haliburton County, this summer the team will also run a mirror image of the festival in downtown Montreal on Labour Day weekend, at the site of the '67 Expo.

For the most part, all the events and activities during the Montreal dates will be consistent with the Haliburton festival, with the obvious exceptions being the size of the venue and a projected audience of 15,000 people (between three and four times the size of the typical Haliburton crowd). All in all, it's a huge leap forward for the event, which has grown from grassroots in Haliburton.

"This is a huge opportunity for our team," says Nimigon. "Basically if we can make it happen in Montreal then we can make it happen anywhere. I think the challenges that are going to come up will be as great as anything we'll ever face."

Despite differences in crowd and venue sizes, Nimigon says the experience his team has gained by running the festival in Haliburton will be an invaluable asset when planning for the Labour Day event.

"The bottom line is, if we didn't run it in Haliburton we would have a lot less experience. Haliburton has helped us with the challenges and the learning curve, and increased our ability to run an event like this," he

says.

"We wouldn't have had the opportunity to take this to a higher level if we didn't start it somewhere, and that somewhere was Haliburton, so thank goodness that the council, the businesses, and the people of Haliburton have, year after year, come out to support us and help us through the process."

Nimigon says that event-goers can expect much of the same events and activities that were on-site during last year's festival, with a few tweaks and improvements. For one, he says that organizers are hoping to establish a "kids' zone" geared to entertaining youth from ages 6 to 12. He also suggests that organizers may try to lure at least one well-known Canadian artist, such as Sam Roberts, to further entice crowds to the area.

If all goes well in Montreal this summer, Nimigon says venues are already being considered for both Winnipeg, Manitoba and Calgary, Alberta in 2008. But as big as Rock the Wake may become, he also notes that his wishes would be to continue hosting a smaller and more intimate event in his hometown.

"It's nice to have that small, grassroots touch to the event. It keeps us grounded, it's really personal, and I really like that," he says. "Even though we may have 15 or 20 thousand people turn out in Montreal, somehow we need to keep that personal touch to it, so I would like to continue to keep it in Haliburton. It's where I grew up, so I like the festival being there."

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Municipality needs unity: Reeve

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

Hundreds from the community turned out last week for the official swearing-in of five Highlands East councillors – some of whom may still lose their seats in today's rejected ballot review. (See story on page 1 in today's *Echo*.)

The ceremony, which took place last Tuesday, followed the inaugural meeting of the new council, including reeve-elect Dave Burton, Ward 1 councillor and deputy-reeve Jim Mackie, Ward 2 incumbent Suzanne Partridge, Ward 3 incumbent Donna Graham, and Ward 4 councillor Gary Stoughton.

But while the victorious were reciting their pledge to office, defeated candidates from the Haliburton County, including Ward 2 Highlands East candidate Basil Cox, were battling in a Lindsay courthouse for the right to have rejected ballots from the November 13 election counted.

By the end of day, and only hours after the new council were sworn-in to office, a judge ruled in favour of the defeated candidates, casting uncertainty over the election results once again. Since the municipality experienced a large volume of rejected ballots – approximately 21 per cent of all those cast – the court decision to open them could easily sway the race between Cox and Partridge, who are currently separated by only nine votes.

Since the municipality had no way of anticipating what the results of the court case would be, it was business as usual at Wilberforce's Lloyd Watson community centre on Tuesday, and a large crowd gathered to take in the occasion. Haliburton County Warden Murray Fearrey was on hand for the ceremony, which marked the end of an era in the municipality of Highlands East for many.

"It's good to see this many citizens involved. The last time we had this many people turn out for something in Dysart they were opposing something," mused Fearrey. "Being a municipal councillor isn't as easy as it may seem. Believe me, because I used to be there. Councillors need the support of their residents, so that's why it's good to see all of you out here today."

Fearrey, who is also the long-standing reeve of Dysart et al, stressed the importance of co-operation and team-

work between the two municipalities, who share responsibilities such as fire protection through the mutual aid agreement.

"Because [Dysart] borders Highlands East, we've always had a very close relationship with this municipality, and we look forward to continuing that," Fearrey said.

Following the warden's brief address, it was time for the newly-elected reeve of Highlands East to address his constituents and outline his vision for the next four years.

"In my opinion, as a good reeve or council member, we have to be compassionate," said Burton. "We have to have compassion for the people that we serve and have to be fair and honest to all involved. We have to have leadership qualities and communication skills... We have to learn to agree to disagree and we have to respect each other's opinions."

Burton then touched on a soft spot for the area: One that has never healed since four former townships consolidated as one back at the onset of 2001.

"I know amalgamation has not been popular with some people, but my position is that we are here now. So let us all work together towards making it work," implored Burton. We are not just Cardiff, Gooderham, Tory Hill, Highland Grove, Irondale, or Wilberforce, or just one of Wards 1, 2, 3, or 4. We are Highlands East, and I will be a strong voice, no matter where I go, on behalf of all the people in Highlands East."

Jim Mackie would later echo these sentiments during a similar speech.

"We really need to bring this municipality together. I noticed very much so during the all-candidates meetings how disjointed it appears we are. We have to come in as one municipality if we're going to stay together," said Mackie.

Both Graham and Partridge took the opportunity to thank their supporters who re-elected them for another term, and also stressed the importance of working not only for the betterment of their individual wards, but also of the larger picture.

"I just wanted to thank everyone for coming out today, it's just so wonderful to see support on a happy occasion," said Partridge. "I'm going to continue to represent ward 2 and everyone in Highlands East to the best of my



GREG HOEKSTRA/ECHO

The newly elected Highlands East councillors prepare to be sworn into office last Tuesday in Wilberforce.

abilities."

Stoughton, who served for 12 years on the former-Monmouth township council, also thanked voters for returning him to the council table, and reiterated the driving reason for wanting to serve on municipal council.

"My motto when I was running was 'Make Highlands East a better place to live.' That's still my motto, and I'm going to stand by it," Stoughton said. "It's got to get better, because it can't get any worse," he added.

In conclusion, Burton stressed the need for council to stay sensible, practical, and rooted in the community.

"I heard one of the candidates during the campaign say that it's not rocket science that we're doing. All we have to do is use down-to-earth common sense and good judgement," said Burton.

"I look forward to the challenges that lie ahead as we move forward together. I believe that together we are stronger, and together we can make a good place to live, work, and play an even better place," he said. "Nothing is impossible – there's just a few obstacles in the way."

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The Highlands Wind Symphony performed its 8th annual Christmas concert December 11 at the Northern Lights Pavilion. Glen Carter (above left) was one of two conductors - Lorie Reddering was the other - cuing the group which includes Michelle Dulong on flute, Ken Loney on trombone (top) and Dave Hawley on oboe (above).

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Wishing everyone a
safe and healthy
holiday season!



The Highlands Concert Band brought its music to J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Friday as the students celebrated pyjama day.

Top left: Flautists Marci Mandel, Wendy Evenden-Loney and Shirley Holmes take their cues from Glen Carter. Top right: Conductor Carter gestures to Mandel. Left: JDH teacher Lorie Reddering stepped away from her teaching to join the band with tenor saxophonist Keith Burns.

Above: Vice principal Gord Wood shows his appreciation for the band's presentation.

Photos by Casey Lessard

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Board members and managers from the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation and Foundation gathered for a lunch meeting at the Delta Pinestone Friday, and took the opportunity to celebrate a large donation to the foundation.

The \$75,000 donation from an estate and the Christmas fundraising drive reduces the capital loan to \$100,000. Seated: Peter Oyler, Jeanne Anthon, Keith Sansford, and Don Popple. Standing (from left): Courtney MacDonald, Debbie Watson, Dave Jarvis, Peter Fearrey, Janice Hardy, Dr. Bob Heyes, Marlene Vieira, Rob Eaton, Marg Risk, Lorrie Blanchard, Dale Walker, Dave Coulson, Cathy Outram, Dr. Dick Charron, Melanie Flood, Alan Clark, Jane Eastwood, Jim Mitchell, and Kim Hicks.

Help the OPP fill a cruiser with food donations

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment will be having their annual "Fill a Cruiser with Food" campaign next week. On Tuesday, December 19, officers will be at the Wilberforce Foodland from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. trying to fill a cruiser with food. All donated food will be given to the Wilberforce Outreach Centre.

On Wednesday, December 20, officers will be at the Minden ValuMart from 10 a.m. until noon. The officers will then move down to the Minden IGA where they will accept donations until 2 p.m. All the donations will then be turned over to the Minden Food Bank. That same day officers will be at Todd's Independent

from 10 a.m. until noon. The officers will then proceed over to the Haliburton IGA where they will accept donations until 1 p.m. All the donations will then be turned over to the 4 C's. This program has received generous public support in the past and is a very worthwhile cause.

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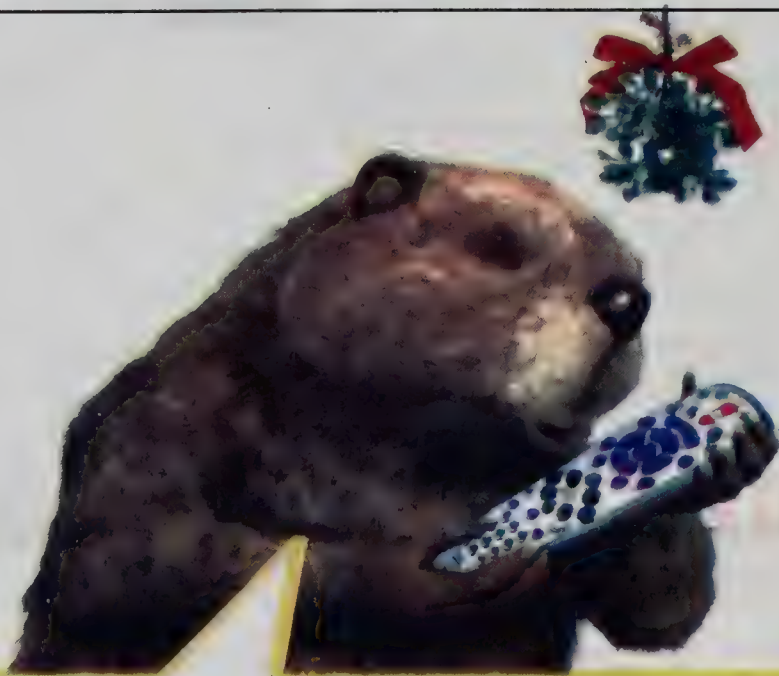


Old-fashioned Christmas crafts

Grade 3 students at Stuart Baker Elementary School relived the pioneer days Thursday, enjoying such activities as making candles. Tyler Box, Robert Nicholls, Ainsley Little and Sydney Cameron had fun making multi-coloured candles, one of several craft stations set up around the school.



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The Haliburton Ski Club is gearing up for another great season, the 30th anniversary. The club has programs for all ages and abilities, and it has a full calendar of events planned. The first two important dates are the beginning of Jackrabbit ski school for youngsters up to 13 years old (Jan 6th) and the Haliburton Open ski race (Jan. 13th). This year's events also include ski orienteering and a double-cross event - think cross-country meets boarder-cross.

The club began with a few enthusiastic individuals skiing on sugar bush trails on land owned by Lee Blair, near what is now the Delta Pinestone. By the winter of 1976-1977 a club had been formed using 5 km of trails made with manual labour on the land of Glebe Park. The 5 km loop still follows much of that original trail. In the early days, trail grooming consisted of waiting and hoping someone else had skied in a track before you got there.

Today members have access to 100 km of groomed skiing around the county. You will see skiers pulling their babies and toddlers in ski pulks. Grandparents ski along to keep a watchful eye and do the important work of worrying about whether those young racers might not be going too

fast or having too much fun.

Don't forget that there are 1.5 km of lit skiing available at Glebe Park the lights are on from dusk to 9:00 pm nightly until the end of the season.

For season's membership information contact Joleen at 489-4850. For Jackrabbit information call Jane at 457-1465, or check out all the information on-line at skihaliburton.com.

Ski Club events 2007

Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Ski at Glebe Park. Lights on until 11:00 pm

Jan. 1: Club Chairman's New Year's Levée, Moosewoods Cabin 10:00am-1:00pm

Jan. 6: Jackrabbit lessons begin 1:30pm, Glebe Park

Jan. 13: Haliburton Open — Glebe Park 9:00am

Jan 13: Team Sprints 3:00 pm Glebe Park Free t-shirt for participants 12 and under

Jan 3, Feb 2, March 3: Full Moon Skiing, watch the website for last minute updates

February 10: Double Cross. 3p.m. Glebe Park. Free ski buff for participants 12 and under.

February 24: Ski Orienteering 11 a.m. Glebe Park

February 24: Ski Tournament 1 p.m. Glebe Park. Free t-shirt for participants 12 and under



Jackrabbit lessons begin January 6, at 1:30 pm at Glebe Park.

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In the toughest division of the day Chapman put on a sparring display that belied his 50-odd years young. When all was said and done Chapman won second place, missing the gold by a single point. Well done sensei.

Next, Kyle Seabrooke, also in a very tough division, fought hard to win the club's only gold medal of the day.

Owen McKeagan was a double medal winner with a second place finish in Kata and third in sparring.

Sid McKeaghen brought home a third place in Kata. Cody Hunter fought well to earn a second place finish in sparring.

Andrew Wilbee won third place for a well-done Kata performance while Gord Seabrooke took fourth place for his Kata.

Stewart Lock, in his first tournament, won fourth place in sparring.

This tournament is the last for 2006. The club looks for more great things in 2007. On behalf of Sensei Mike and the entire club, Merry Christmas and have a happy and safe new year.



Sensei Mike Chapman received a silver medal at a tournament in Mississauga.

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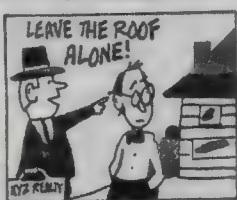
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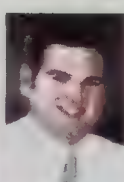
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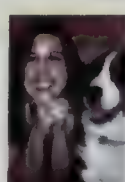
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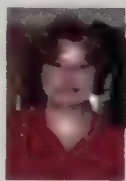
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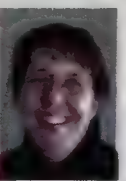
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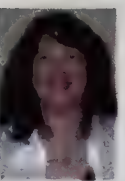
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The year is winding down very quickly and I must say we have had a very busy year this past year at our local Legion Branch 624. Many changes have taken place due to the no-smoking legislation but everyone is adapting.

Christmas is almost here and you know how everyone leaves things to the last minute, including writing our Christmas cards. However, we all wish not to be as unfortunate as the lady who, last year, bought a box of 20 identical cards because she really liked the picture on the front. In a hurry to get them done, she rushed to write her greetings and stamped and mailed 19 of them. The next day when she had some more time she opened the remaining cards to fill out and you can imagine how shocked she was when she read the message inside the card: "This card is just to say that a small present in on its way!" I promise no small gifts; however, I do wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a joyous and prosperous New Year.

Just a reminder that if you are looking for a Christmas present for that person who is hard to buy for drop by the Legion. The Wilberforce Legion Ladies Auxiliary is please to offer their cook-books for \$10. They are available from the bar steward.

Also don't forget about our latest fundraiser, the Shop and Support Fundraising Program. Drop by the

Legion to pick up more information, buy a shopping/gift card or an order form to order your own cards. Remember that 1% to 15% of the amount of your shopping gift card goes to our Legion. The program costs you nothing; it simply takes advantage of your everyday shopping, budgeting and gift giving and what a great way for you to help raise funds for the Legion.

You can get more information on this by visiting the program website at shopandsupport.ca or by calling toll-free at 1-866-387 8073. Forms are available at the Legion or you may register as a supporter online. Our Legion registration number is ID #0100558413.

The Legion will be ringing in the New Year with its traditional New Year's Eve Dance. Time: 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.. D.J. will be Dale Allison. Cost is only \$35 per couple or \$18 single. There will be a cold buffet lunch served at 11:00 p.m.. There are limited tickets so get your ticket as soon as possible. Come out and bring in the New Year with a bang!!! Reminder: There will be a Designated Driver available. For more information please call 448-2221.

There are many great upcoming events:

December 19: General meeting 7:00 p.m.
December 20: 7:30 Darts
December 23: 3:00 p.m. Meat Draw
December 25: Merry Christmas to all!
December 27: 7:30 Darts
December 30: 3:00 p.m. Meat Draw
December 31: New Years Eve Dance.
January 1: President's Levy 1:00 p.m.
January 13: Annual Pat & Phylis Gallen Lake Trout Derby. Cost: \$10 per person.
January 14: All you can eat Brunch 9-12:00. Adults \$6, children, children under 6 years old are free.



Christmas remembrance

The Haliburton Community Funeral Home hosted a candlelight service of remembrance for people who wanted to pay tribute to loved ones who aren't alive to celebrate Christmas this year. Reverend Faun H. Harriman (above) led the service, sharing prayers and hymns with community members who attended. Right: Participants Shirley McCarthy and Carol E. Jones sing hymns. McCarthy's husband Hugh died four weeks ago after a lengthy illness. "My son lives with me," she said, "so we'll be okay." "My parents and my aunt and uncle were not Christians," Jones said. "They're all gone, so I lit a candle for each of them."

Photos by Casey Lessard



Reach for The Future

For the ninth year the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation decorates trees located in the front lobbies of the Health Care Facilities with tags sponsored by gifts from our generous supporters. As of December 12, 2006 "The Reach for The Future" campaign has raised **\$47,927.00**. The proceeds will assist the Foundation to pay off the \$175,000.00 capital loan on the Health Care Facilities.

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Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation sincerely thank our Honourary Chairmen for our 2006 "The Reach for The Future" campaign, Dr. Bob Heyes and Dr. David Fiddler.

If you would like to help us "Reach for The Future" this Holiday Season, your gift can be sent to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, Box 1413, Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0 or Box 30, Minden ON K0M 2K0, you can deposit your gift in the donation boxes at the Minden and Haliburton facilities, or you can donate on-line at www.hhhs.on.ca/foundation.htm.



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In the midst of a season of joy there is the sadness of bereavement; for some, the memory of a loved one is a recent loss, for others a sharp reminder of a place long left vacant.

Our sympathy goes now to the Robb family in the loss of a husband and father, Bill Robb, to Dorothy in particular and to Liz, a daughter and her husband Don Griffin.

At the other end of the scale, although somewhat belated, congratulations are in order for Darrell Dobson and Rose Pearson on the birth of their second son, Ethan, who

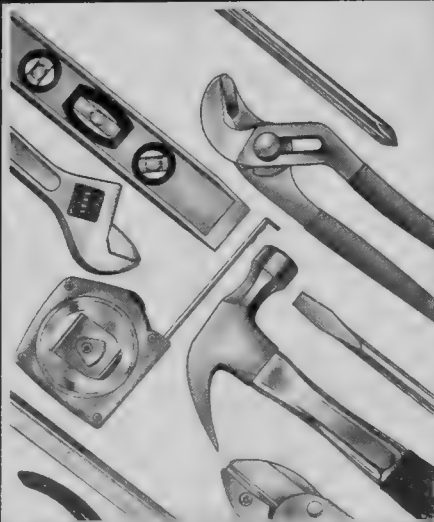
arrived on February 15, 2006, missing Valentine's Day by an hour.

You may have read that on the first Sunday of the month, the Maple Lake United Church hosts a hymn-sing of old and new favourites. This month it happened instead on Dec. 17 in the form of a potluck supper at Cranberry Lake in the home of Thea and John Patterson. Twenty-two attended, six from Maple Lake – Ev Stata, Olive Smith, Kathleen Owens, who always plays piano or keyboard for this event, Marnie MacMillan, and Fred and Marilyn Carter and others from Minden and from Zion Churches.

The Fawcetts, Louise Cooper and ourselves all supported and participated in St. George's Christmas choir celebration of anthems and readings on December 17. The audience was invited to remain, and most did, for the potluck prepared by St. George's parishioners. It was a bountiful and delicious meal! The presentation was well received.



The Highland Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star donated \$800 to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation to purchase two wheelchairs. Foundation chairman Peter Oyler and executive director Dale Walker met with Worthy Matron Marilyn and Worthy Patron Wayne Rowe to show their appreciation for the group's support, which has totaled \$16,091 to date.



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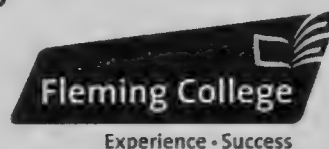
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Christmas celebrations continue unabashed

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Hilda Clark

448-2018

Merry Christmas to all who read this column. Christmas season celebrations continue throughout the community. They ranged from spiritual to social but all were very good occasions.

The Anglican Church Women (ACW) of St. Margaret's started their Christmas meeting on Monday, December 11, with lunch in the Schofield Cameron Room. After quickly tending to business they adjourned to the church for a service with an angel theme prepared and led by President Sandy Hall. A joyous time of singing Christmas hymns with Elsie Lewis at the organ was greatly uplifting. Many stayed for tea and sweets before the tidying up.

Members of the Loop Troupe and friends had a Christmas party in Wednesday, December 13 at the Curling Club. This was also the Cast & Crew party to celebrate a recent production by the Troupe. Thanks to Gill Stephen for cooking up a delicious meal. A number of attendees tried their hand at curling after dinner.

Recently a party of residents of Maple View apartments

enjoyed a meal together at the Cross Roads Restaurant. It included a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings served by pleasant, cheerful elves.

Members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Wilberforce Royal Canadian Legion Branch 624 enjoyed their Christmas party on Thursday, December 14. They celebrated with dinner at Kosy Korner at its new location in Haliburton. In spite of some transportation difficulties on the return trip the ladies enjoyed themselves.

The women of the Wilberforce & Gooderham United Churches Craft Group and friends met for a potluck lunch at the home of Anne Cohoon on Friday, December 15. This group meet often during the year to create some fine items for various craft sales.

The Highlands East Figure Skating Club got into the spirit of the season with a short Christmas Ice Show they called "Toy Parade" on Tuesday, December 12. Though early in the season, the skaters are showing progress in their skills under coach Aggie Tose. Best wishes to the club and its leaders. The evening ended with an hour of family skating.

The Inaugural Ceremony for the Council of the Municipality of Highlands East was held on Tuesday, December 12, at 11 a.m. at the Lloyd Watson Centre. CAO Sharon Stoughton Craig called the session to order and welcomed all the people who attended. The new council was presented after having been piped in by Earl Cooper. O Canada was sung followed by the Declaration of Office led by clerk Irene Cook. The council which will serve for four years, 2007 to 2010, was introduced by CAO Sharon Stoughton Craig. They are David Burton, Reeve, James Mackie, Deputy Reeve and councillor for Ward 1 and Councillors Suzanne Partridge of Ward 2, Donna Graham of Ward 3 and Gary Stoughton of ward 4. Mr. Mackie had been elected Deputy Reeve by members of Council at a

meeting earlier in the day.

The Rev. Peter Robinson of the United Churches in Gooderham & Wilberforce gave a blessing. Murray Fearry, Warden of the County of Haliburton kindly spoke well of this area and wished the new council well as they take on a four-year term.

Reeve Burton closed the session with his remarks.

All attendees were treated to luncheon following the inauguration ceremony. Committee of Council/Council meeting reconvened at 1:30.

After a very heated election, it is hoped Council will move ahead peacefully with decisions and efforts that will be best for all the people in Highlands East. Many good things have been accomplished in this area over the years. They need to be built on.

Many thanks to outgoing Reeve Keith Tallman for his many contributions in Monmouth and Highlands East and at County Council. And acknowledgement goes to earlier reeves and councilors here in the Ward 4, the geographic township of Monmouth. Buildings and facilities such the arena, the firewalls, the curling club, the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre, the Library, the Ball Park, the tennis court, swim programs, the Red Cross Outpost Historic House, a National Historic Site of Canada and the historic Essonville Church would not be available to residents and visitors without Council's support and without the encouragement and work of many dedicated volunteers.

Best wishes to Council for four years of hard work.

Most Christmas services in the area are on Sunday, December 24. St. Margaret's service at 12 noon; Essonville Church Carol Service 7 p.m.; Gooderham United Church, Regular 10 a.m., Christmas service 7 p.m.; Wilberforce United Church, Regular service 11:30 a.m. and Christmas Service at 8:15 p.m.; Harcourt Chapel 7 p.m.

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Ethel Galvin

Members of Branch 129 would like to thank all the businesses and individuals who contributed so generously to the Poppy campaign. Thank you also to all the businesses who supported the campaign by allowing the display of the Poppy boxes for the contribution of the public. Proceeds from the Poppy campaign were about \$10,000.

During Remembrance Week representatives from the Legion branch and Ladies' Auxiliary attended services at all the schools including four at the high school.

There were 26 members present at the December general meeting; 11 of them were executive members.

A donation of \$1,000 was approved for the 4Cs.

Winners of the early bird membership drive were Dwayne Lloyd and Cheryl Smillie. Thank you to all members who have paid their dues. There are 149 members who have not paid dues for 2007. Please try to renew before Dec. 31.

There are still some "We Support Our Troops" lapel pins, and fridge magnets available at the bar. The lapel pins are only \$3.00 and the magnets are \$5.

The clubroom will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. New Year's Day it will be open from noon until 6:00 p.m.

Br. 129 will be hosting a New Year's Eve Dance. The band will be The Torpedoes, which plays '70s, '80s and '90s rock music. There will be a hot and old buffet and spot prizes. Tickets are now available at the bar for \$25 each. Please purchase them early as it makes it easier for the committee to plan the food. There will be \$5 cab vouchers for Highland Cab available to those who need them.

When the Sunday Brunches return in 2007 the hours will be 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.. The dates will be announced later.

The next general meeting will be the second Thursday in March.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to anyone who is not well at this time.

Branch 129 wants to wish everyone a safe, healthy, happy holiday season, and all the best for 2007.



The Herald - the debut play written by Ryan Dawson featuring Mike Johnson (top), Kathryn Boyd, Erin Lynch (above), Greg Luck and Ryan Dawson (not pictured) - opened on Saturday night. For a full review of the play, check tomorrow's Minden Times.

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Santa visits the Loop community

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Valerie Smith
448-3840

The Wilberforce Santa Claus Parade was a huge success this year. Lynn Waugh, one of the organizers of the parade, was amazed and pleased with how much

the parade has grown over the past six years. We extend a big thank-you to Lynn and JoAnne Hughey for organizing the parade and to all who took part in the parade.

Following the parade, Santa made his entrance into the Lloyd Watson Centre to greet all the children gathered there for the Loop Children's Christmas Party. He gave out lots of hugs and ho-ho-ho Merry Christmas to the little ones as they shared their secret wish lists with him. We thank Santa for making this special visit to Wilberforce and thank you is extended to Valerie and Melvin Smith who decorated the stage in preparation for Santa's special visit.

We also express our gratitude to Tammy Donaldson who was on-hand to photograph the children with Santa and our appreciation to her sister Terri Lindsay and mother Donna Burroughs who were available to print the pictures. Great work!

We were delighted to have Clara Burt and Friends (Word of Life Outreach, Wilberforce) to lead everyone in song. We thank Gordon Burt, Barb Andrews and Chris Foster-London and Clara for volunteering their wonderful singing talents. For entertainment this year, we had another special guest by the name of Jingles The Clown. Creative and enthusiastic Jingles (Shelley King) brought magic to the little ones and I am sure our older crowd took great pleasure watching Jingles perform.

From a quote used by Shelly of Hubib Bourguba, "Happy is the person who can laugh at himself. He will never cease to be amused." Shelley is a certified laughter leader, clown, and storyteller; we thank her for joining the Christmas party this year.

We also had the pleasure this year of welcoming Jodi Rupnow who with her helpers Valerie French, Jessica



CASEY LESSARD/ECHO

Melissa Morose of Harcourt rode her horse in the Wilberforce Santa Claus parade December 10. Residents were invited to the Lloyd Watson Centre after the parade for a party that included food, games, music and visits with Santa.

Folds, Tammy Vaughan, Jennifer Dickson, Jennifer Graham and Casey Lewis provided a craft centre for children while waiting for their visit to see Santa. Thanks to this great group.

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Party rekindles golden Christmas memories

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We thank our Pathfinder Elves, who under the leadership of Kathy Rogers and Angie Scott did an excellent job. Kudos to Christine Godfrey, Kayla Scott, Samantha Vanier, Tessa Barnes, Carolyn Barnes, Colbeigh Aylsworth, Jenna Scott and Susie Woods for your efforts and your delicious goodies and refreshments that were much appreciated by all.

We give thanks to the Ward 4 firefighters who prepared and distributed treats to all the children. This is a very long-standing tradition of this group and we are very grateful to them.

We also thank Lynn Waugh for taking over from Valerie Smith and leading with the gift buying, organizing and wrapping of the gifts. Thank you is also extended to her helpers Gerry Waugh, Sheri Siebarth, Jackie Dempster, Beth Waugh, Jill Burk, Steve Stoughton and Amanda Lockwood. We also wish to thank Jill Burk for her generous donation of special gifts.

Gratitude is extended to Roberta Walsh, Doris Waymouth and Jan Saunders for all their assistance. Roberta has played an integral part in this annual event for many years and is looked fondly upon as the matriarch of the Loop Children's Christmas Party. We all thank her continued annual guidance.

Very special thanks goes to all of our sponsors, the businesses and individuals who have made monetary and in-kind donations over the years to make the gift giving possible. Their unselfish generosity strengthens and enriches many lives of the children within the Loop Community each year. Giving from the heart is a very special part of

Christmas.

Being involved with the Loop Children's Christmas Party is an honour and privilege. It is an inspirational event, appealing not only to the children who took part but to the child in all who had the opportunity to provide a part in this annual event. To many it brought back the golden memories of Christmas as a child and that special magical feeling of the season and what greater gift could one ask for at the end of the day, than being surrounded by happy, smiling children.

I was very pleased to join with my family in the festivities honouring my father, Elwin Oakes, who recently celebrated his 80th birthday on December 11. Over the years, Dad, along with my mother, taught us about opportunities in life, obligations and so much more. While growing up, Dad was intent that we realize the advantages to be had in life and the responsibilities that such benefits bring.

Dad has always shared his spirit of adventure and we were given the opportunity to enjoy many winter and summer sports and vacation trekking in other provinces and states. Dad's style has never been to preach to his four children, eight grandchildren, two-step grandchildren and great grandchild, Rachel, but instead he has always chosen to reach us by leading by example and sharing his experiences and wisdom with us. A commemorative "tickle trunk of our memories" was well received by Dad.

There were many very special acknowledgements and tributes to Dad in the tickle trunk but one item in particular was a calendar to represent the accumulation of over 457 years that he has lovingly, devoted to his family. We

all hold Dad in the greatest esteem and wish him a very happy 80th birthday with many more to follow.

Special 50th wedding anniversary wishes are extended to Ken and Marge Lewins. Ken and Marge were joined in Holy Matrimony at St. John's Church in Bowmanville in 1956. Ken indicated he and Marge have had a very good life together and with their five children, Sharon, Donna, George, Howard and Kenny, and their four grandchildren. Happy 50th anniversary wishes to Ken and Marge!

In our global society it is often very difficult to bring families together for special family celebrations. Nonetheless it is a blessing when part or most of a family are able to attend. I wish to send Season's Greetings and warmest wishes to all. May all or most of your family be with you for this upcoming season. May your hearts and home be overflowing with love, friendship, hope, joy and peace. May all your days be filled with

lots of laughter and happiness. May your spirit never grow dim or old and may all your clouds have silver linings and your rainbows pots of gold. Lastly, may all your dreams come true and may you have a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

A note from Mel Smith: To all fellow card players - please note that euchre will be cancelled for December 21 and 28. We will start back up in the New Year on January 4, 2007.

It is with sadness our community will say a fond farewell to Birdie Murphy, principal of the Wilberforce Elementary School, who is retiring. Birdie has brought a special richness to the Wilberforce Elementary School, its students and the community. Her presence will be greatly missed. We wish her all the very best for a very happy retirement. To all of our students, please have a safe and special holiday and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year on January 8, 2007.



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Health for Life sends big 'thank you' to all those who donate their time to healthy causes

There are more than 120 reasons to give pause for applause in Haliburton County. That's the number of individuals and organizations working to make our community a healthier place for everyone.

In total, these community partners have contributed hundreds of hours of time (and in one particular case, funding) over the past year to assist Haliburton County's Health for Life in various healthy eating, physical activity, and workplace health initiatives.

Formed in 1998, Health for Life is a community partnership that encourages and supports people in making healthy lifestyle choices. Since research demonstrates that people who choose healthy lifestyles feel better, have more energy, and reduce their risk of disease and ailments, encouraging healthier lifestyles is seen as a key way to improve our community as a whole.

Health promoter Sue Shikaze says that volunteerism is the backbone of many local Health for Life initiatives, including school nourishment programs, the Good Food Box, active transportation planning, cycling initiatives, and workplace wellness programs.

"Saying thank you is an understatement because the work of our partners and volunteers is vital to the success of Health for Life in Haliburton," she says.

Health for Life also gives special recognition to the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC). Through the Community Economic Development Committee and the Eastern Ontario Development Program, the HCDC has provided financial support to several Health for Life programs over the past year, including trails development, a local cycling coalition, after-school recreation programs and the community-based Food Net that works towards improving food security.

"HCDC has been a key supporter of our work," says Shikaze. "We greatly appreciate its vision to see that the health and quality of life of all residents contribute to the economic vitality of our community."



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

- **DATE:** Wednesday, January 10th, 2007
- **TIME:** 11:00 am.
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers at the Municipal Office, 135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-06-029 – Lands of Robertson
 - Purpose and Effect: to recognize the location of existing buildings and structures in the WR3L-3 zone.
 - Permit a water setback of 50 feet from the high water mark of Kawagama Lake for an existing leaching bed.
 - Permit a water setback of 13 feet from the high water mark of Kawagama Lake for an existing seasonal dwelling.
 - Permit a water setback of 15 feet from the high water mark of Kawagama Lake for an existing private cabin.
 - Permit a water setback of 43 feet from the high water mark of Kawagama Lake for an existing accessory building (a wash house).
 - Permit three existing accessory buildings as oppose to two accessory buildings.
 - Location: Part Lot 1, Concession 14, Havelock Township (Kawagama Lake – Dennison Island).
 - This application is a condition of application for consent H-152/2005 revised.
2. D13-MV-06-031 – Lands of Ball
 - Purpose and Effect: to permit the construction of a private garage in the WR3 zone.
 - Permit a water setback of 66 feet from the high water mark of Kennis Lake.
 - Location: Part Lot 6, Concession 13, Guilford Township (Kennis Lake – Soap Pond Road).
3. D13-MV-06-035 – Lands of 6233180 Canada Inc. (conveyance to Dysart et al)
 - Purpose and Effect: to recognize an existing accessory building (a picnic shelter) in the OS zone.
 - Permit a water setback of 80 feet from the high water mark of Eagle Lake.
 - Location: Part Lot 26, Concession 3, Guilford Township (Eagle Lake Community Park).
 - This is a condition of applications for consent H-114/2005, H-115/2005 and H-116/2005.

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing in person to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by Counsel for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept written submissions. A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, is available from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Date: December 19th, 2006

Patricia Martin, BES, MCIP, RPP
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CURRENT EVENTS

- **Dec. 20:** Ontario Early Years Centre Minden and Haliburton. Our last day open before we break for Christmas will be Wed., Dec. 20. The Centres will re-open on Mon., Jan. 8. The staff of the Ontario Early Years Centres wishes you and your family a Safe and Happy Holiday. **NOTE:** The Children's Learning Centre in Minden will be closed from Dec. 25 to Jan. 1, 2007. We will reopen Jan. 2 to Jan. 5 for regular hours. The School-age program will be at the Day Care not the school for this week.
- **Dec. 22:** Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre – Last Minute Shoppers Party with guests: Outloud Womyn Singers. Friday, from 4-7 p.m.
- **Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve Services at St. Paul's Church, Minden at 7 & 11 p.m. Everyone welcome.
- **Dec. 24:** Minden United Church, 11 a.m. Joint worship service (for this pastoral charge); Zion United Church, Carnarvon, 3 p.m. Family Service; Minden United Church, 7 p.m. Family Service; Maple Lake United Church, 9 p.m. Communion service.
- **Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve Services at Gooderham United Church at 7 p.m. & Wilberforce 8:15 p.m.
- **Dec. 28:** VON Foot Care Clinic starting at 9 a.m. Located at Staunworth Court Lounge, Minden. Subsequent clinics the fourth Thurs. of the month. To book an appointment call 1-800-743-6255. Everyone welcome.
- **Dec. 30:** Joint worship service at Minden United Church (for this pastoral charge) at 11 a.m.
- **Dec. 31:** Tracey's Bistro & Grill presents A New Years Eve Casino Night. Casino entertainment includes poker, roulette, blackjack and slot machines. Sunday, 7 p.m. A 3 course meal, party favours, champagne toast at midnight, door prizes, etc. Contact Tracey at 457-2795 or email or email tracys-bistrogrill@bellnet.ca for more info and cost. A portion of the proceeds benefits Cottage Dreams.

ONGOING EVENTS

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- **Haliburton Legion, Br. 129** – Every Wednesday night is Bingo night. Early Bird starts at 7:00 p.m.
- **Haliburton Legion Branch 129** – General Meeting – 2nd Thursday of each month (excluding January & February) at 7:30 p.m. Call 457-2571.
- **Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 636**, Minden holds its General Business Meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
- **First Friday of every month:** Open Mike Nite at the Dominion Hotel, Main St. in Minden. Starts at 8 p.m. Local performers needed; musical, comedy, magic, poets, etc. Call 286-6954 or 286-5035 to book your act.
- **The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge at the Highland Crest Senior Citizen's home in Minden. All men and the women who love them are welcome. For info, please contact Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- **The Minden Women's Institute** meets at 1:30 p.m. every 3rd Wed. of the month. Contact 286-1588 or 754-1656 for information
- **Do you enjoy euchre, bridge, and other card games?** Come to the Card Night at the Fort Irwin's Residents' Assoc. Hall (FIRA) on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. For more info call Ken Fuller at 754-3699.
- **Community Care** Haliburton County has volunteers just waiting to give seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults a Security Check Phone Call. If you know of anyone who needs a phone call once a day, please call Judy at 457-2941.
- **Township of Algonquin Highlands** – Writers Circle every other Saturday at Club 35 starting at 9 a.m. The circle is open to writers of all capabilities, be they experienced or emerging. For info call: 489-3878.
- **Did you know** that Community Care Haliburton County offers nutritiously-balanced frozen meals on wheels. We have transportation services to get you to medical and other appointments. And we offer an Emergency Response System for seniors that want the security of knowing that they can access help at any time, without reaching the telephone. For info, call 457-2941.
- **Family Drop-In Saturdays:** Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre. Last Saturday of every month, 2-4 p.m. Jan. 27, & Feb. 24. Enjoy a free tour of the current exhibition followed by Open Studio activities for the whole family. Call 457-2330.
- **Adult Badminton:** Mondays 8 - 10 p.m. Now until May 28/07 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Minden. Join us for fun, fellowship & fitness. Call 286-1765 for further information.
- **Tea at 3:** Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre. Every Wednesday, for adults who like to talk about ART and drink tea. 3 o'clock. Free. Call 457-2330.
- **For women** experiencing any type of abuse, call the YWCA Crisis Line 286-6442, (800) 461-7656.
- **The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild** meets every second Wednesday of each month at Camp Adelaide, which is on #118, between Haliburton & Tory Hill. The building is open from 10 a.m. for those who want to do some quilting, etc., and the general meeting starts at 1 p.m. with refreshments at mid-meeting. Guests and new members are welcome. Call Anita Dobell at 457-3723.

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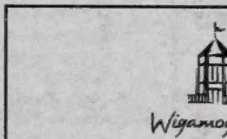
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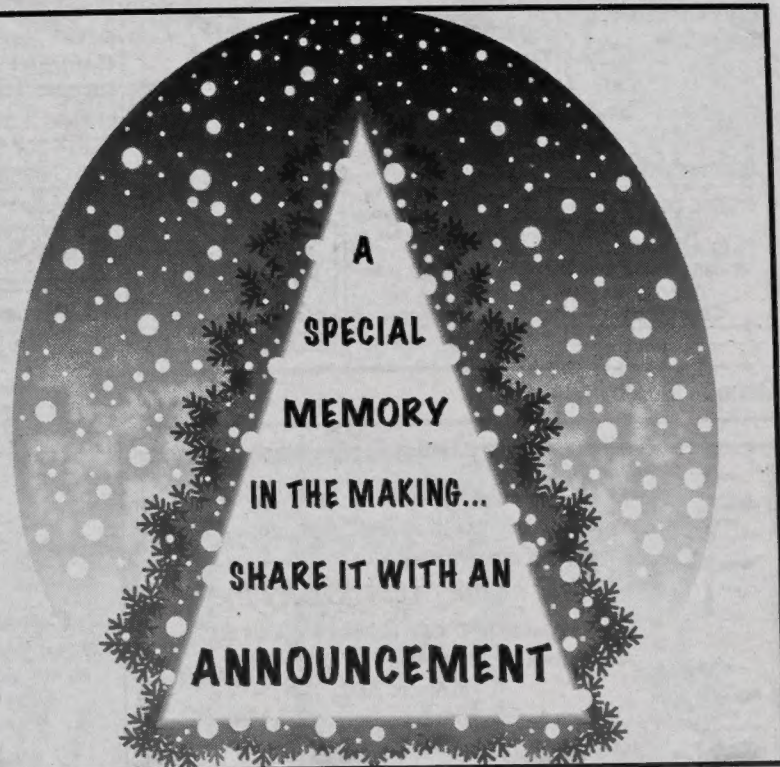
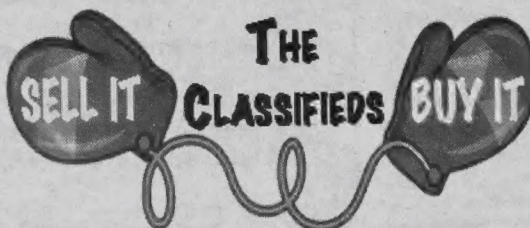
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THANK YOU Red Hat Ladies,
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- Queen "B"

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Deaths

TIMBERS - Brian, Passed away on Sunday December 17, 2006 in his 55th year.

Will be deeply missed by his beloved wife Pat & son Jason, son Ryan of Fort Erie, daughters Corrin & Colleen from Denver, brothers Stuart, Rob, Gary and sister Suzie and loving parents Morley & Fern Timbers.

Donations to the Cancer Society or the Haliburton Hospital are appreciated by the family.

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Card of thanks

WILDE - I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to my family and friends for the expressions of sympathy, food, cards, flowers and the many donations in memory of Rod. A special thank you to Kirsten and Barry of Monks Funeral Home for the compassion and understanding during this difficult time. Thank you to Rev. Tim Sharpe for your guidance, kind words and the lovely service. The Minden UCW for the delicious luncheon served. Sincere thank you to Dr. S. Kaszas, the Access Centre support workers and nurses for the wonderful care and concern you gave both of us during the time Rod was at home. A very special thank you to Dorothy and Kathaleen for much more than just your friendship this past year. It will always be remembered. Thank you to all for the loving support.
- Chris Wilde

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*Anniversaries***To my Wife, June Tripp
on our 52nd
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Forever - come what may.
All starry-eyed and so in love
we now were man and wife,
Ready for the challenges
Of blissful married life



Times of laughter, smiles and fun
Rearing a family,
The teenage tantrums, tension, tears
all weathered patiently.
And when the children had left home
We entered another phase,
Hobbies, interests, dreams and schemes
Took up all our days.

Looking back across the years
With soft and a wistful smile,
I think back to our special day
When we walked down the aisle,
Oblivious to all around
we stood there brave and bold,
Acknowledging the love we shared
With simple bands of gold.

Love Murray

In memoriam

CASEY - In loving memory of a dear husband, Dad and Grandpa Ray Casey who passed away Dec. 23, 2005

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- Darlene and family

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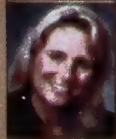
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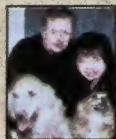
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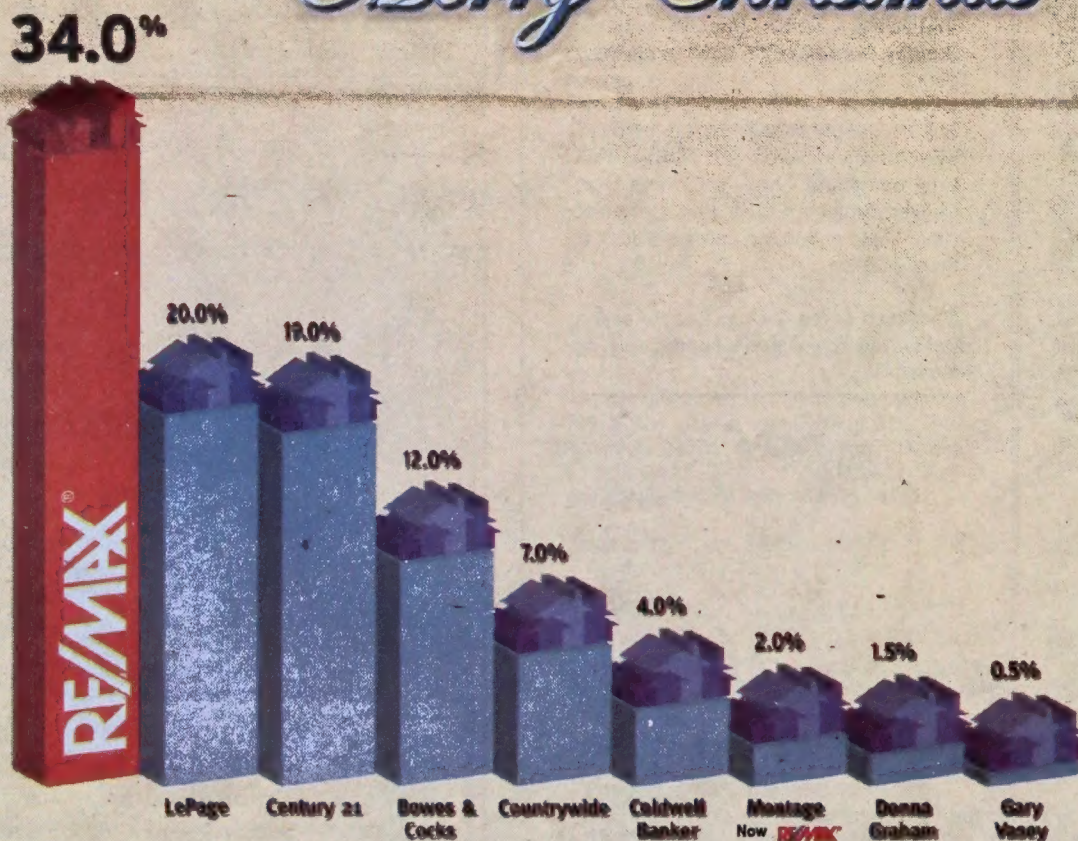


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